

**CHAPTER NO. 241**

**SENATE BILL NO. 488**

**By Haynes, Harper**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1733

By Arriola, McAfee, Ulysses Jones, Cooper, Towns, Miller

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-301 and Title 65, relative to natural gas distribution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Special Committee to examine issues relating to natural gas distribution and the deregulation of natural gas in Tennessee.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of five (5) members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and five (5) members of the Senate to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate.

SECTION 3. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 4. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

SECTION 5. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 6. The Special Committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or reports, to the One Hundred Second General Assembly no later than February 1, 2001, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 20, 1999

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of May 1999

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR